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I, Tom Van Horn, hereby declare the following:

1. I am a co-inventor of the invention described and claimed in pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/686,778, entitled "System and Method for Extension of Group Buying Throughout the Internet," filed on October 11, 2000.
2. I am a co-inventor of the invention described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,631,356 (hereinafter "356 Patent"), entitled "Demand Aggregation Through Online Buying Groups," filed on March 15, 1999.

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3. I have received a copy of the Office Action dated November 26, 2004 in the Pending Application. This Office Action relies on several portions of the '356 Patent in its rejection of Claims 1-10, 15-27, and 32-38. I have reviewed each of these portions with the exception of "Figure 15," cited at page 4 of the Office Action but which does not in fact exist.

4. Without a doubt, I conceived of the subject matter in portions of the '356 Patent cited in Examiner's office action. I did so in my capacity as the principal inventor of the '356 Patent.

5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein to the best of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001; and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



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